

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living Component Budget Summary

Component: General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living

Contribution to Department's Mission

To provide protection to Alaska's vulnerable adults.

Core Services

- This component was formerly known by component name Protection and Community Services. SDS has suggested changing the name of this component to General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living to more accurately reflect the program that is administered from this component.
- This component houses the General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living program for vulnerable adults over the age of 18 that need temporary assisted living. Referrals to this program are made by members of the community and Adult Protective Services case workers that receive and investigate reports of harm, abuse or neglect. It also pays for transportation costs to move these individuals out of their current living situation and into a safe living situation until permanent arrangements are made.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$3,488,700	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

Capacity development is a key need for many Alaskan communities. The U.S. Census Bureau predicts that the senior population in Alaska will increase from 26,000 in 1993 to over 90,000 by the year 2015, an average annual increase of 11%. Some fraction of this population requires significant assistance from the state, and will grow proportionately to the overall senior population. The current service provider capacity is insufficient to meet their care needs.

Current state resources for adult protective services are limited. Community resources such as local police and medical personnel can provide the most cost effective method of reporting suspected elder abuse or neglect. To assure more complete reporting, the state must increase training for these community resources.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

During the 2008 legislative session, intent language was added indicating that the General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living program regulations be reviewed and revised as needed to assure the services are provided only to intended beneficiaries who are actually experiencing harm, abuse or neglect, and to minimize the length of time that the state provides housing alternatives. The department should educate care coordinators and direct service providers as to which clients should be referred to the program, and when. In this way, referring agents can correctly match consumer needs with the program services intended by the department.

While researching this program and similar programs within the department, the division has discovered that changing regulations to limit who can access this program will probably only serve to shift costs to other department agencies. If clients aren't served early on, many of them will become vulnerable adults who will then qualify for this and other services. The department has created a task force made up of the Division of Behavioral Health and Senior and Disabilities Services staff who manage their respective General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living

programs. This task force will analyze how to solve the problem of increased costs to this program, and suggest responsible management policies for these limited public resources.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

The General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living program served an average monthly population of 413 clients in FY08. This is a decrease from the previous year of approximately 20 clients per month, or 4.7%. Therefore, increased management of this program is starting to reduce costs.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.65	Service Programs for Older Alaskans and Other Adults
PL 98-459	Public Law, Title III Older Americans Act, as Amended
AS 47.24	Protection of Vulnerable Adults
AS 47.33	Assisted Living Homes
45 CFR, Part 1321	Code of Federal Regulations
7 AAC 43.170	Conditions for Payment
42 CFR, Part 440	Code of Federal Regulations, Services: General Provisions
7 AAC 43	Medical Assistance
AS 44.29.020	Department of Health and Social Services (Duties of department)

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**General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	3,488.7	3,488.7
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	0.0	3,488.7	3,488.7
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	2,748.4	2,748.4
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	0.0	740.3	740.3
Funding Totals	0.0	3,488.7	3,488.7

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	3,488.7	0.0	0.0	3,488.7
FY2010 Governor	3,488.7	0.0	0.0	3,488.7